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TREATING A FRACTURE OF A BONE

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2007, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file for the above-identified application. Applicant submits these amendments and remarks serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability.